

**State of California  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
750 Hearst Castle Rd  
San Simeon, CA 93452

**PROJECT TITLE:** Piedras Blancas Beverage Improvements Project

**LOCATION:** Hearst San Simeon State Park

**COUNTY:** San Luis Obispo County

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Replace the fire suppression system and make other improvements to the Piedras Blancas Café building in Hearst San Simeon State Park to allow for occupancy by a concessionaire tenant. Construction work will:

- Demolish the existing shed structure west of the Café and dispose of wood and roof debris.
- Trench up to 200 linear feet, approximately 18 inches wide and 30 inches deep for foundation footings and utility pipes/conduits. Back-fill with excavated soils or distribute soils on site for re-vegetation.
- Pour concrete footings and slabs with total dimensions up to 1,000 square feet and up to 12 inches deep for water storage building, generator slab, and propane tank slab.
- Install one 16,000 gallon fire rated water tank.
- Install 20 horse power UL fire rated water pump, pump controllers, electrical panels, conduits & wiring, 4" water pipes, & valves.
- Install wall framing with 2"x10" Douglas Fir or equivalent, roof framing, roof decking & fire rated walls.
- Install approximately 250 ft. of fire sprinkler supply pipes, risers, sprinkler heads, braces and hangers.
- Install back-up generator & propane tanks on exterior concrete pads & connect gas & electrical lines.
- Install Bosch fire alarm control panel, smoke detectors in each café room & connect to Hearst Dispatch
- Patch and repair all holes, openings cover and compact all trenches and excavations, and restore surfaces to prior natural or paved conditions.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks & Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** San Luis Obispo Coast

**EXEMPT STATUS** ☒ Categorical Exemption Classes: 1, 2, 3 & 4 Sections: 15301, 15302, 15303 & 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** This project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities or mechanical equipment, involving negligible or no expansion of use; replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures including water main, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions; minor public alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees; as stated in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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